

REMARKS

Claims 97 and 99-107 are amended. Claim 98 is cancelled. Claims 97 and 99-107 are pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for correcting the numbering of the claims. Pending claims 98-107 are amended to properly depend from the corresponding re-numbered base claims.

Applicant notes the Examiner's indicated allowability of the subject matter of claims 98, 99, 100 and 107.

Claims 97 and 101-106 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Singer "The New Low-K Candidate: It's A Gas", Technology News (1989), or as being unpatentable over Singer as combined with Boeglin, U.S. Patent No. 5,061,514. Without admission as to any of the Examiner's rejections, claim 97 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 98. Claim 98 is appropriately cancelled. Claim 97 is allowable over Singer and Boeglin for at least the reason that it recites material indicated by the Examiner to be allowable.

Claims 99 and 100 are amended to properly depend from claim 97. Dependent claims 99-107 are allowable in dependent form for at least the reason that they depend from allowable base claim 97.

For the reasons discussed above, pending claims 97 and 99-107 are allowable. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests formal allowance of such pending claims in the Examiner's next action.

Respectfully submitted,

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